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SUBJECT: CODEL MURPHY

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1. IN VIEW EXTREMELY STRONG REACTION GOT AND TURKISH PRESS TO EARLIER VISITS US CONGRESSMEN CONCERNED WITH OPIUM WITH WHICH DEPARTMENT FAMILIAR FROM EMBASSY REPORTING, BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT VISIT CONGRESSMAN MURPHY HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO PUBLIC FOCUS ON OPIUM. RATHER, IT SHOULD BE PLANNED AS ROUTINE VISIT TO TURKEY WITH SPECIFIC INTEREST IN ZENZ, MCDANIEL, AND HUBBARD CASE. WE WILL INITIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR QUICK SIDE TRIP MAY 27 OR 28 ANKARA-ADANA-ANKARA FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. EMBASSY WILL, OF COURSE, BE HAPPY GO INTO ALL ASPECTS OPIUM PROBLEM WITH CONGRESSMAN. "PRIVATE" VISIT AFYON MAY BE POSSIBLE, BUT AT THIS POINT WE MUST ADVISE AGAINST MEETINGS WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS OR PRESS ON OPIUM SUBJECT. ALSO, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT CONGRESSMAN NOT PUBLICIZE HIS VISIT BEFORE LEAVING US AS OPIUM-CONNECTED. OTHERWISE, VISIT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE OUR COMMON AIMS AND COULD END WHATEVER CHANCE WE HAVE LEFT OF PREVENTING
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RESCINDING OF OPIUM BAN.

3. WE WILL, OF COURSE, REVIEW ALL ABOVE ON ARRIVAL WITH
CONGRESSMAN WHO KNOWN TO EMBASSY FROM PAST VISITS TURKEY
AND WHO FROM EXPERIENCE WE HAVE FOUND WELL-INFORMED AND
UNDERSTANDING MAN WITH CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD US EFFORT
HERE. PENDING RETURN ANKARA SUNDAY OF AMBASSADOR (WHO
IN SOUTHERN TURKEY CALLING ON GOVERNORS AND MAYORS), SPAIN
WILL MEET FRIDAY UPON ARRIVAL AND INVITES CONGRESSMAN
MURPHY STAY WITH HIM.
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